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SUBJECT:

1. THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR DEPLORES THE FALSE ACCUSATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST THE COMMISSION BY OPPONENTS OF THE ERA RATIFICATION EFFORTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT CLAIMS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT THIS COMMISSION HAS GIVEN \$41,000 TO THE PROPONENTS OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT FOR PURPOSES OF INFLUENCING THE VOTES OF STATE LEGISLATORS ON THIS MATTER. THESE ACCUSATIONS ARE TOTALLY FALSE AND MALICIOUS.

2. THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR IS A PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED AND CONGRESSIONALLY FUNDED COMMISSION. PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 94-167, THIS COMMISSION IS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HOLDING STATE MEETINGS FOR WOMEN IN EVERY STATE AND TERRITORY, WITH THESE MEETINGS CULMINATING IN A NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN TO BE HELD IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 18-21, 1977. THE PURPOSE OF THESE MEETINGS IS
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TO PROVIDE WOMEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AT THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL, ON THOSE IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE ACTION WHICH THEY BELIEVE ARE NECESSARY TO REMOVE BARRIERS WHICH ARE PREVENTING WOMEN FROM PARTICIPATING FULLY AND EQUALLY IN ALL ASPECTS OF NATIONAL LIFE.

3. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH ITS HISTORIC TASK, THIS COM-

MISSION HAS A \$5 MILLION APPROPRIATION. \$2.6 MILLION DOLLARS ARE BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING THEM TO ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT THEIR STATE MEETINGS FOR WOMEN. THE \$41,000 FIGURE REFERRED TO ABOVE IS THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT GIVEN THE STATE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF ORGANIZING AND CONDUCTING THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE MEETING FOR WOMEN. THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

4. THE REMAINING \$2.4 MILLION IS RESERVED FOR PURPOSES OF STAFFING THE COMMISSION, CONDUCTING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON, AND PRODUCING A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS.

5. THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR IS PROHIBITED UNDER ITS STATUTE FROM UTILIZING ANY OF THE CONGRESSIONALLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES. THE COMMISSION HAS NEVER VIOLATED THAT RESTRICTION ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND WILL NEVER DO SO. FALSE ACCUSATIONS HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE MADE AGAINST THIS COMMISSION BY OPPONENTS OF THE ERA RATIFICATION EFFORTS. THESE ACCUSATIONS HAVE RESULTED IN ONE LAW SUIT AGAINST THE COMMISSION ADDRESSED TO THE LOBBYING ISSUE. THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, IN A UNANIMOUS 14 PAGE DECISION, HAS RULED THAT THE COMPLAINT AGAINST THE COMMISSION BROUGHT BY STOP ERA BE DISMISSED.

6. THE COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT THE RECORD BE MADE CLEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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ON THIS POINT AND THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE, AS IT DEBATES AND CONSIDERS THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT, IS AWARE THAT THESE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE COMMISSION ARE GROUNDLESS.

7. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE LEGISLATURE THAT SOUTH CAROLINA'S HISTORIC STATE MEETING FOR WOMEN WILL BE HELD IN COLUMBIA, JUNE 10-11.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR.
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